

A faded, light green and blue map of the Puget Sound region serves as a background for the text. The map shows the intricate coastline of the sound, including major waterways and surrounding landmasses.

Puget Sound Monitoring Consortium

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Ecosystem Coordination Board

A New Approach is Needed

- **The current, collective approach to monitoring and assessment:**
 - **is not efficient**
 - **is not cost-effective**
 - **does not meet the needs**

Directive from the Legislature

- **Facilitate the development of an ongoing monitoring consortium in Puget Sound, similar to Chesapeake Bay or San Francisco Bay**



Our Members

- **Local governments**
- **State agencies**
- **Federal agencies**
- **Tribal representatives**
- **Private businesses**
- **Environmental groups**

Our Accomplishments

- **Recommended Governance Structure:**
 - Reviewed national programs
 - Developed two organizational models
- **Sponsored pilot projects**
- **Established Stormwater Work Group**

Recommendations to Legislature

- **Partnership is decision maker**
 - **Governance decision by June 30, 2009**
- **Transition period: 2009-2011**
- **Maintain current funding**

Our Proposed Structure

- **Two options to oversee and manage the program**
 - **A program at the Puget Sound Partnership, or**
 - **An independent private institute**
- **“Work Groups” coordinated under the umbrella structure**

Puget Sound Partnership

Leadership
Council

Ecosystem
Coordination Board

Executive
Director &
Staff

Science
Panel

Steering Committee

Staff

Technical
Committee

Regional monitoring and
assessment program

State agency based program housed at the Partnership

Government agencies

State, Pacific Northwest, national
monitoring coordination entities

Work Groups

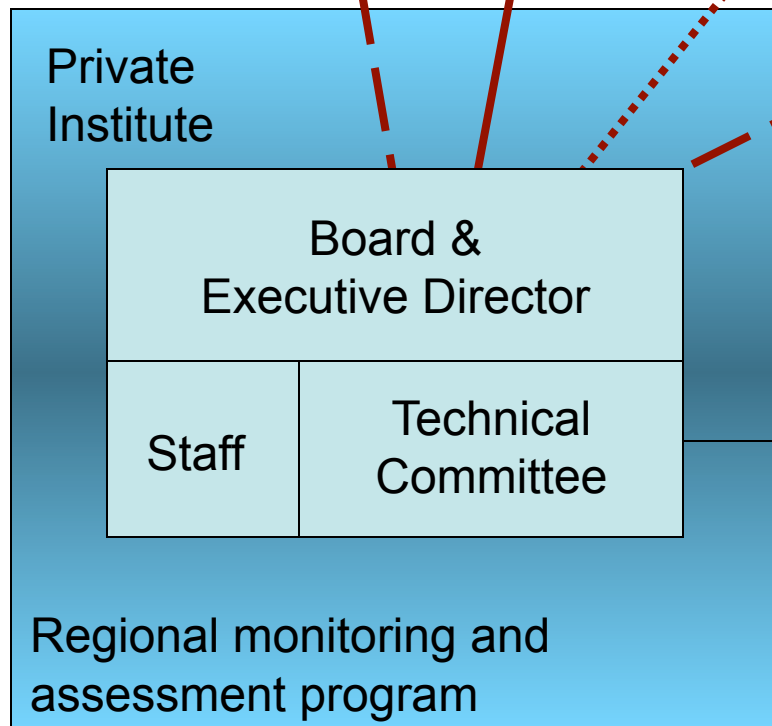
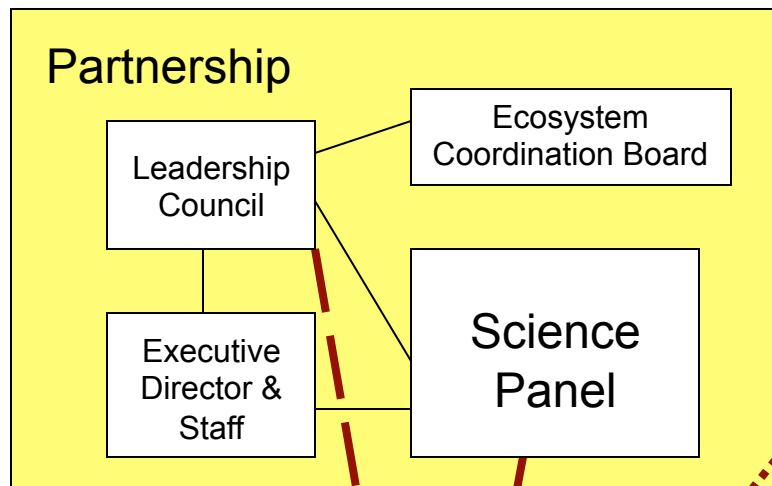
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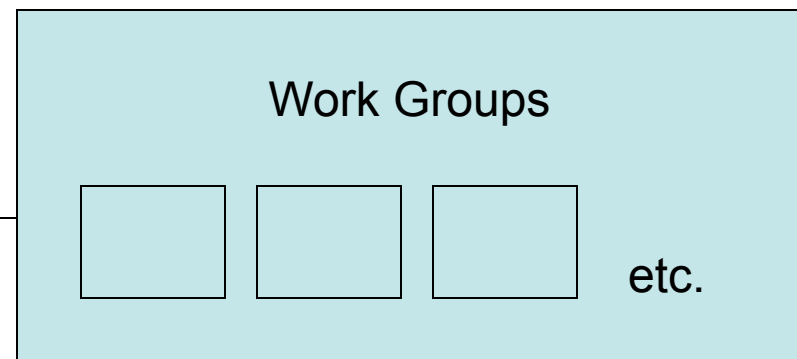
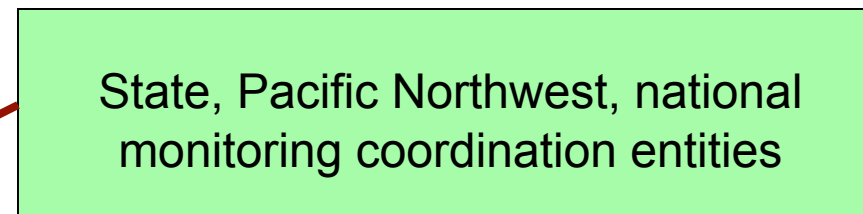
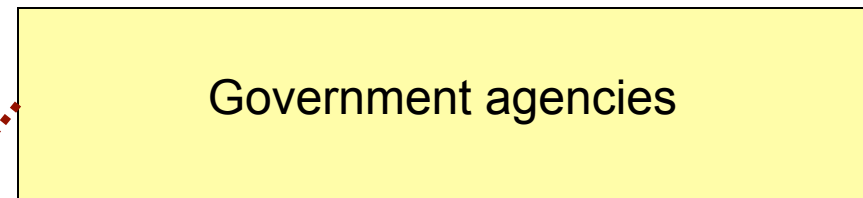
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- - Coordinates



Independent Private Institute



Relationships to define:

- Directs/reports
- Coordinates and requests other work
- Coordinates

Transition in 2009-2011

- **For the selected model, build and implement the new program structure:**
 - **Hire essential staff**
 - **Set up multi-party decision-making**
 - **Analyze current programs and support “work groups”**
 - **Initiate cost-sharing arrangements**

Benefits of the New Program

- **Stakeholders are engaged and on board**
- **Analyzed information is credible**
- **Consistent protocols and data management make data more useful**
- **Leverages capacity and uses limited resources more wisely**
- **Supports science-policy discussions**

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